

1931-12-21 Letter from Eugene B. Scofield to his sister, Lena (Scofield) Hackleman
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Envelope:

From:

E. B. Scofield

R. R. No. 16

Indianapolis, Indiana

To:

Mrs. J. W. Hackleman

923 Fayette Ave.

Connersville, Ind.

Postmark:

December 21, 1931, 9:30 P.M., Indianapolis, Ind. 2

Indianapolis

12.21/31

My Dear Sister Lena:

I write at 3:00 a.m., and use this paper as I cannot get out stationery without waking the frow [frau]. I go to sleep early—have slept over eight hours, and will read, as I feel rested. We have to hire a man for all hard work. I do enough for healthful exercise but not any more. In his last years Father lost the use of one arm, and believed he would have have [sic] lived longer had he exercised more. We have had a mild fall and we have both been much “in God’s-out-of-Doors.” Etta was very sick four weeks ago, and has had Dr. Cooper 4 visits. Has not been

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doing any poultry work meanwhile. A man comes whenever we need him. Our poultry was ready for winter before Etta got sick. She will look after them now. Our “man” drove me to City last Thursday and I got eats for a month or more. Chickens are so cheap that we buy little meat. Milk is at our door every morning. Bread is delivered here also. - - -Mt. Summit had a bank robbery last Friday. Before the robbers left the Sherrif knew, and posse was getting their machines for a chase. 3 young men were arrested soon. Were sent to State prison for 25 years. Mrs. Provence long time bookkeeper was forced out with them so citizens would not shoot. Kidnapping is a “life” penalty. India Provence was not hurt much.

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This epistle is far different from your pretty Christmas Card.

Much love and the Season’s Greeting

Eugene

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Typed letter on the reverse of Eugene's handwritten post:

Letter head:

Central Christian Church
Delaware and Walnut Streets
W. A. Shullenberger
Pastor
Indianapolis, Ind.

December 18, 1931

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Scofield
R. R. M-1, Box 99
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Scofield:

Our Church has been fortunate in having had the devoted and loyal support of most of its members in these unusual times.

It is the desire to have from every member personal interest in, and attendance upon, some or all of the many interests of the Church, and if possible financial support of its work.

The Current Expenses for 1932, after making reductions in all salaries and wages and also in other expenses where possible, will amount to \$24,500.00. Our aim for Missions and Benevolences is \$7,000.00.

We are asking you at this time, if at all possible, to make a pledge for both Current Expenses and Missions on the enclosed pledge card and return to the Church Office at an early date.

Because some of our members who have been liberal contributors are now unable to give financial support, it is more necessary than ever that every member of the Church who is able should pledge and pay according to his ability.

The enclosed poem entitled "Out of this Life" was called to our attention by a member of the First Christian Church of Louisville. We ask you in considering this call of the Church to read this poem.

Sincerely yours,
Samuel Ashby, Chairman,
Official Board.

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